



MISSIONS

SESSION 2: A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSION, PART I



IN THIS SESSION

God has a concern for the nations, one that can be seen throughout all of Scripture even from its very first chapters. This Session explores the story of God's movement to the nations through partnership with his people.



KEY PASSAGES

- **Genesis 12:2** ² And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- **Exodus 19:5-6** ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."
- **Galatians 3:26-29** ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



DISCUSS

- What is the biggest barrier for you when attempting to connect with different nations or people groups? Why do you think this is the case? How does a biblically-based theology of mission challenge you to overcome these barriers by the Spirit's help? In what practical ways might you move to destroy the barriers?
- As you think about missions and the call of Jesus to go to other people groups, consider processing through the following questions. What am I supposed to do when I engage in missions? What is the extent of my involvement? When are the best times and opportunities to dive in to cross-cultural missions? To whom or to what people group should I go?
- From Genesis to Revelation, God is working with and through his chosen people to accomplish a mission...to be a blessing and light to other people. With this in mind, read the Key Passages (see above) and 1 Peter 2:9, then discuss the following: How are you investing in this mission? How are you presently being a blessing to others and in doing so blessing others? Finally, how does seeing yourself as part as a priest (ref. 1 Peter 2:9) encourage and motivate you toward being a light to others?



PRAY

Continue to pray through last Session's prayer (asking God to help reveal to you what missions might look like practically in your life). Begin praying through a strategy of being a blessing and a royal priest in your life right now.